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**METHOD OF DETECTING  
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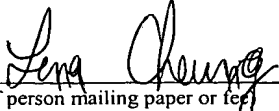
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. The three (3) month extended period for response is set to expire on September 3, 2004. Therefore, this response is filed with a petition for and the requisite fee for a three month extension of time. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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